



St Mark's CE Primary School

10th October 2025

Newsletter No 6

<https://www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk/>

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see so many parents this week due to Parent Consultations. We hope you have found the meetings useful.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival at St Mark's Church on Monday. Please remember the Church would be grateful for donations for the Community Larder, in particular: cereals, pasta, rice, tins of soup, tuna or tinned meals, toilet roll, shampoo, washing-up liquid or laundry powder/liquid. Many thanks.

Girls Football Match Report

On Monday, a group of nine Year 5 and 6 girls went to St James' Primary School and played a football game. Each half was fifteen minutes long and we played seven-a-side with two subs. We played really well as a team and showed great sportsmanship. Every player played really well and, despite losing, everyone stayed positive. It was a really challenging game and next time we play we will try even harder. Written by Hallie.



Dates to remember.
Added dates in yellow.

October

Term 1

13th (Mon) Harvest Festival at Church
13th (Mon) **Boy's Football Match at St Matthew's**
14th **SENCO and FLO Drop in 9am**
14th (Tue) Whole School Flu Immunisation
14th (Tue) Year 5 CAT Tests
15th (Tue) Year 5 CAT Tests
16th (Thur) EYFS Hargate Trip – change of date
16th (Thurs) Y2 Victorian Day
16th (Thurs) Year 4 CAT Tests
17th (Fri) Year 4 CAT Tests
17th (Fri) Show Racism the Red Card
17th (Fri) End of Term 1
20th – 24th Mega camps at school

Term 2

27th (Mon) Term 2 starts
28th (Tue) Year 5 to Amelia Centre
29th – 31st Year 6 Residential at Bowles

November

2nd (Sun) Kent Under 11 Cross Country Series
6th (Thurs) Y4 Anglo Saxon Workshop
13th (Thurs) Individual and Sibling School Photos
14th (Fri) Friendship Friday
14th (Fri) Children in Need – wear a spotty accessory
19th **EYFS and Y6 National Child measurement programme**

Term Dates etc are on our website



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PTA News

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA AGM both in person and online - we had **record attendance!** Minutes will be circulated shortly but just to introduce the main committee:

- Co-Chairs: Katie James & Elizabeth King
- Co-Treasurers: Ting & Gwyneth Leung
- Co-Secretaries: Lida Willingale & Kate Watson
- Committee Members: Hannah Young, Anna Ridger & Helen Rutland

Many thanks go to everyone both past and present who help to make the magic happen! And to the school for supporting us.

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE PLANNING MEETING - Monday 13th October 7pm at **The Hawkenbury**. Let's turn the school again into a festive winter wonderland!

Preloved uniform and **Treat sale** next **Friday 17th October** at the end of school - KS1 playground for uniform and both playgrounds for treats! Remember CASH is KING

SENCO and FLO Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 14th October you are invited to drop in and meet the school's Family Liaison Officer (FLO) and school SENCO. The drop in is from 9:00 -9:45 and they are there to help with any advice around support for you and your child. Please come to the main office entrance.

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Around the World



INDIA

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

MENU

- Tandoori Chicken with Pilau Rice and a Mini Naan Bread (1, 9)
- Butternut Squash and Chickpea Curry with Saag Aloo (1) (Vegan)
- Desi Vegetable Pasta (1) (Tomato and Vegetable Pasta)
- Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings
- Homemade Onion Bhaji (1, 7, 9)
- Chutneys in the Salad Bar
- Indian Cookies (1, 7, 9)

Pre-loved Uniform sale



Last day of each term:

17th October 19th December
13th February 2nd April
22nd May

KS1 at pick up time

Contact: pta.uniform@st-marks.kent.sch.uk



SOME ITEMS GO FREE

Independent Catering

This month's Ingredient of the Month is apples! Please see attached information and recipes for you to try at home.

Don't forget we are travelling to India next Wednesday in the lunch hall! A special Indian menu is available and bookable, as usual, via Arbor.

Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 7** Menu can be found on our website [St Mark's Church of England Primary School - Home](#) under "quick links"
- **No nuts or nut spreads please.** Please click below for lunchbox ideas and recipes. [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- The online shop for Christmas cards etc closes on 15th October at 12 noon – follow instructions on the proof sent home with your child

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

On Fridays we celebrate children for their effort and achievements throughout the week:
Extra playtime goes to:

Attendance: Year 2 Leeds
Punctuality: Year 3 Lewes
This week's Attendance: 97.6%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

Y1 Arundel	Pheobe	For making thoughtful contributions during our Jigsaw sessions. 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Edvin	For great participation during the Harvest song
Y2 Leeds	Orla	For showing great courage and determination in her maths learning and sharing her strategies to help others in class.
Y2 Pevensey	Romi	For her courage reading aloud to the class.
Y3 Lewes	Maria	For showing beautiful manners and having a positive attitude to learning
Y3 Deal	Sierra	For showing confidence when performing our French song, putting effort into pronunciation and actions.
Y4 Dover	Nayeli	For always taking pride in the presentation of her work.
Y4 Farnham	Amber	For always taking such care over everything she does resulting in super presentation.
Y5 Hever	Paris	For her kindness towards any newcomer in school and her excellent speech punctuation in English
Y5 Tonbridge	Scarlett	For embodying high standards of respect and focus in class and for always trying your hardest with the learning.
Y6 Oxford	Isabella F	For having an amazing attitude to learning and thinking metacognitively about what she needs to succeed!
Y6 Rochester	Clair	For always proving herself to be a shining example of quiet determination and drive to succeed across all subjects, especially writing. Excellent!

This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Camber – Jack

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher

